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NEW - LONDON
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REPORT

OF THE

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AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW LONDON,

FOR THE

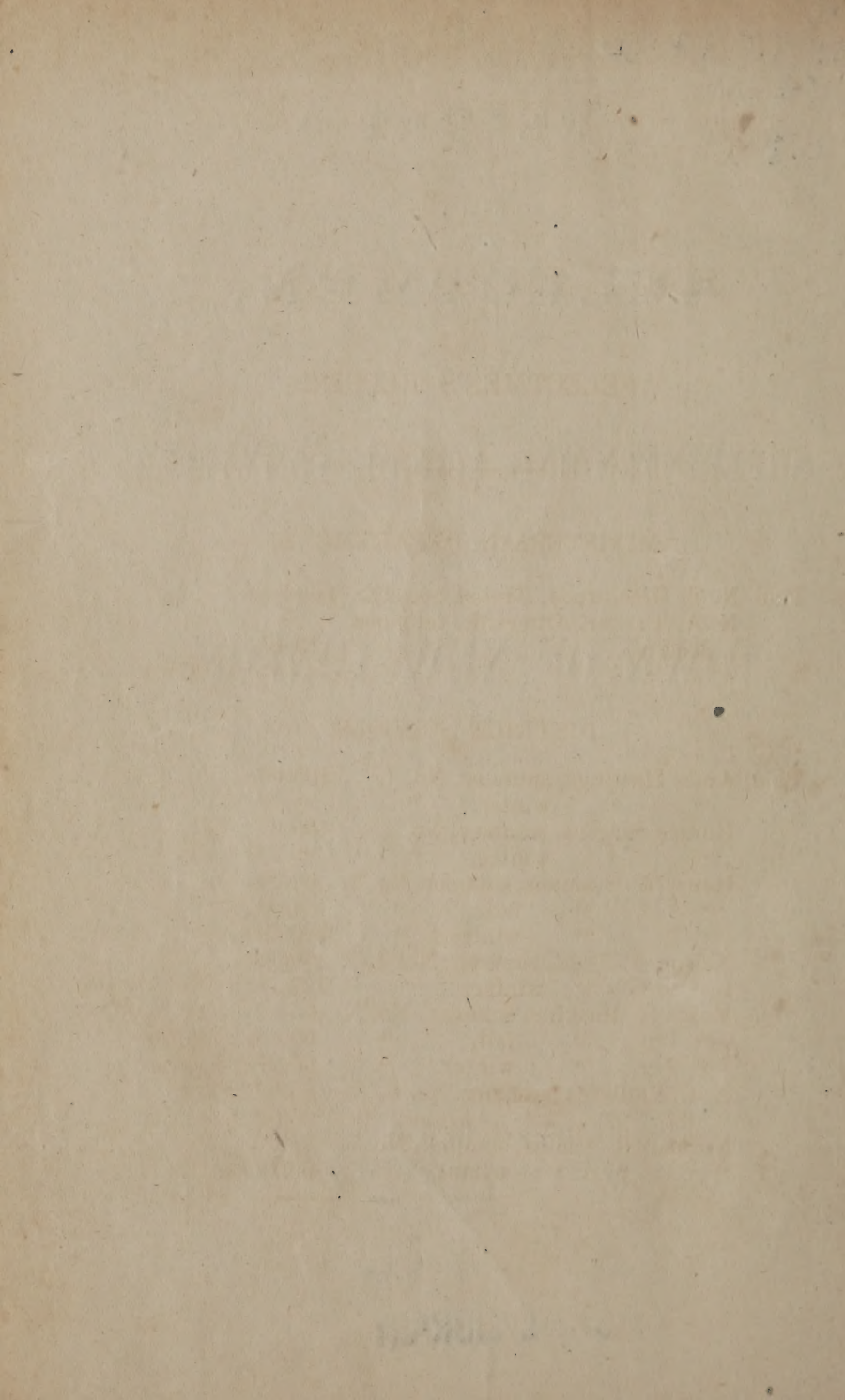
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Paid N. T. Greenwood, Baptist Society,	\$60.00	
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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Paid Amos Hastings, summer, No. 1,	\$35.00	
“ “ winter, “	94.09	
Horace Sargent, summer, No. 2,	50.00	
“ “ winter, “	99.22	
Henry W. Seamans, summer, No. 3,	63.00	
“ “ fall, “	64.00	
“ “ winter, “	183.38	
Nelson A. Todd, summer, No. 4,	60.00	
“ “ “ winter, “	127.41	
Moses H. Haskins, summer, No. 5,	65.00	
“ “ “ fall, “	50.00	
“ “ “ winter, “	55.27	
A. C. Philbrick, summer, No. 6,	55.00	
“ “ “ winter, “	65.00	
Norman B. Adams, summer, No. 7,	25.00	
“ “ “ winter,	90.70	
	<hr/>	\$1,182.09

TOWN DEBTS AND CHARGES.

Paid Mrs. B. E. Parker, on note,	\$40.00
George W. Craft, for work on town hall, 1873,	6.25
Henry W. Putney, for George M. Putney at the insane asylum,	39.13
L. D. Guernsey, bill for books,	6.60
Joseph Trussell, overpaid interest on state bond,	1.50
Henry W. Putney, for the support of George M. Putney at the insane asylum,	24.50
R. A. Bunker, for services rendered the town, 1873,	1.00
Printing town reports, 1874,	40.00
Adam Davis, interest on note,	12.00
Coupons on town bond, for September,	201.00
A. M. Morgan, wood for Mrs. Ross,	2.50
County tax,	1,138.14
State tax,	1,288.00
E. C. Adams, endorsed on note,	25.00
Seavey & Chadwick, for settees,	60.00
Mrs. H. R. Gates, for Chase girl,	2.50
Baxter Gay, for public watering-trough,	3.00
James M. Pike, way marks on lake,	2.00
B. W. Sanborn, check-lists and warrants,	1.25
Charles S. Sargent, as per bill,	2.96
Horace Clark, for wood for Mrs. Ross,	2.25
Henry Arey, damage to horse, road defect,	20.00

Paid Frank O. Dow, sexton services,	\$14.50	
Gage Woodward, making secretary,	12.00	
Auditors' bill, 1874,	2.00	
Eastman, check-list and warrants, 1874,	.58	
James H. Brown, work on town hall, 1872,	10.75	
Luther McCutchins, for board of Boyce, &c., town hall, 1873,	5.00	
Albert Hunting, lime and freight for town hall, 1873,	4.50	
D. S. Seamans, transient bill, 1873,	6.00	
George Woodward, clerk services, 1873-4,	20.00	
Amos B. Currier, for guide-post,	.50	
Henry W. Seamans, care town hall,	2.36	
E. A. Jenks, printing bonds,	17.00	
Charles Jewett, coupons,	6.00	
Eugene O'Neil, coupons on bond,	24.00	
Daniel M. C. Annis, collector,	75.00	
M. Morgan, boards and knobs for secretary,	3.65	
Geo. W. Sargent, bill, selectman,	32.00	
L. P. Gould, bill, selectman,	50.00	
M. Morgan, selectman, acting treasurer, overseer of the poor, &c.,	95.00	
Charles Gay, supt.,	30.00	
Due on collector's bond,	887.67	
On town debt,	2,520.42	
Balance due on town farm,	47.33	
	<hr/>	\$6,785.84

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Moses Pillsbury, for making road,	194.00
B. M. P. Stanley, for breaking roads,	9.35
George Fisher, for breaking roads,	17.55
John M. Messer, cutting bushes by the roadside,	1.00
Jonathan G. Everett, for breaking roads,	15.60
Charles Jewett, plank for bridge, 1873,	1.35
Jonathan S. George, plank and fixing bridge,	2.85
J. H. Todd, work on road,	6.00
Geo. P. Sholes, for plank and fixing bridge,	4.00
Frank P. Jewett, work on bridge,	2.70
A. W. Preston, breaking roads,	8.00
N. A. Todd, breaking roads,	5.00
A. C. Philbrick, breaking roads,	1.20
Henry Putney, breaking roads,	12.46
Baxter Gay, breaking roads,	1.80
M. H. Haskins, work on road,	11.90
N. C. Knowlton, work on road,	1.00
N. Knowlton, breaking roads,	2.00
C. Crockett, breaking roads,	3.00
E. P. Burpee, breaking roads,	2.55
Austin Morgan, breaking roads,	5.65
J. E. H. Shepard, breaking roads,	7.75
N. D. Pingree,	5.00
Reo A. Farwell, work on road,	25.12
Job C. Cross, breaking roads,	2.40
Belden Morgan, breaking roads,	4.00
Nath'l C. Todd, 2d, 1872,	10.00

Horace Clark, breaking road, 1872-3,	\$28.50	
Asa B. Pillsbury, breaking road,	3.90	
Seth Littlefield, work and plank,	2.82	
Osborn French, breaking road,	14.62	
L. P. Gould, breaking road,	3.70	
H. M. Fales, work on road,	4.00	
L. McCutchins, breaking road,	5.00	
M. Morgan, road bill,	9.65	
Amos Hastings, work, and plank for bridge,	32.43	
	<hr/>	\$467.85

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Amos Hunt for Board of B. Sanders,	\$52.00	
James H. Burpee, as per bill,	8.85	
Dr. Elkins's bill,	2.50	
J. S. George, board of Currier George,	52.00	
O. K. Russell, as per bill,	13.04	
J. S. George, for one pair of shoes, making pants, vest, drawers,	4.00	
D. S. Seamans, transient,	11.00	
J. W. Bussell, transient,	.75	
L. P. Gould, transient,	.50	
	<hr/>	\$144.64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Sanford R. Fisher, on dog, 1873,	1.00	
Daniel Bickford, overtaxed on money, 1873,	3.62	
Charles T. Folsom,	8.70	
Eli Todd, 1873,	7.25	
Mary J. Hayden, 1873,	7.25	
Mary J. Hayden, 1874,	6.10	
Warren Bickford, 1874,	1.22	

Paid Charles T. Folsom,	\$7.61	
Joseph Henry,	1.27	
Richard H. Messer's estate,	30.39	
Augustus Preston, dog,	1.00	
Mary A. Shepard,	3.80	
Herbert Sweat,	1.27	
Sarah E. Everett,	4.88	
Reuben Dickey,	1.27	
James M. Jewett, over-taxed money,	5.66	
Osborn French, 1873,	5.00	
Daniel Bickford, 1874,	3.05	
John W. Taylor, 2d,	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$108.34

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

N. A. Todd, for School District No. 4,	\$25.00	
M. H. Haskins, for School District No. 5,	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$55.00

AMOUNT CREDITED.

The selectmen credit the town of New London, for the year 1874, as follows:

Received cash in the hands of the selectmen, March 1st, 1874,	\$2,126.90
Assessment of taxes, 1874,	5,292.14
By Edwin A. Jones, for dog damage, 1873,	8.35
Savings bank tax,	343.84
Railroad tax,	299.94
Literary fund,	82.00
U. S. bounty,	128.00
O. K. Russell, for brick,	4.75
E. C. Adams, on note,	25.00
Kittredge, for use of town hall,	1.50

Received John W. Taylor, for settees,	\$7.00	
From the county,	318.49	
Cash on collector's bond, 1873,	1,010.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,647.91
Whole amount credited,		\$9,647.91
Whole amount charged,		8,823.16
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Balance in hands of selectmen,		\$824.75
Amount of town debts,		\$9,400.00
Town bonds, interest due March 9,		250.00
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		\$9,650.00
Means of paying the same :		
Cash in hands of selectmen,	\$824.75	
Due on collector's bond, 1874,	887.67	
Due from Frank P. Messer,	35.00	
Due on notes and interest,	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,397.42

Indebtedness of the town, March 1st, 1875, \$7,252.58

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MICAJAH MORGAN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LEONARD P. GOULD,	
GEORGE W. SARGENT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>New London.</i>

ACCOUNT OF TOWN BONDS ISSUED, AND TO WHOM PAYABLE.

No. 1.	Lorinda M. Addison,	\$100.00
2.	"	100.00
3.	"	100.00
4.	Joseph Trussell,	500.00
5.	"	500.00
6.	S. S. & E. H. Brown,	500.00
7.	"	100.00
8.	"	100.00

No. 9.	S. S. & E. H. Brown,	\$100.00
10.	"	100.00
11.	Mary A. Messer,	100.00
12.	"	100.00
13.	"	100.00
14.	"	100.00
15.	Eugene O'Neil,	100.00
16.	"	100.00
17.	"	100.00
18.	"	100.00
19.	Marcus Nelson,	500.00
20.	"	500.00
21.	"	500.00
22.	"	100.00
23.	J. W. Bussell,	100.00
24.	"	100.00
25.	"	100.00
26.	James M. Jewett,	500.00
27.	"	500.00
28.	Harriet N. Jewett,	100.00
29.	John M. Dow,	500.00
30.	Mrs. Lydia B. Dow,	100.00
31.	Charles Jewett,	100.00
32.	Mary Jewett,	500.00
33.	Estate of M. Seamans,	500.00
34.	"	500.00
35.	"	100.00
36.	"	100.00
37.	Mrs. A. French,	100.00
38.	Laura Davis,	100.00
39.	"	100.00
40.	Augusta M. Davis,	100.00
41.	"	100.00
42.	"	100.00
43.	Mrs. Benj. Perley,	100.00
44.	Abbie Perley,	100.00
45.	Charles D. Sargent,	100.00
46.	"	100.00

Total issue,

\$9,400.00

TOWN OF NEW LONDON

ACCOUNT TOWN NOTES PAID.

DR.

Paid	Lorinda M. Addison,	\$197.69
	Estate Betsy Brown,	794.40
	Mary A. Messer,	325.95
	E. O'Neil,	427.16
	Marcus Nelson,	1,612.62
	J. W. Bussell,	249.64
	J. M. Jewett,	1,482.27
	Mrs. Parker,	166.51
	J. M. Dow,	637.75
	Charles Jewett,	681.26
	Nancy Brown,	57.43
	John Morey,	262.50
	Levi Sanborn,	212.25
	J. M. Clough,	144.00
	Susan Davis,	71.54
	C. S. Whitney,	109.71
	E. S. Whitney,	109.71
	J. G. Crowley,	53.92
	M. E. Chandler,	73.29
	Mary C. Pingree,	226.37
	Mary B. Leach,	753.16
	Mary Jewett,	706.25
	Sarah J. Sargent,	413.51
	Hiram Sargent,	304.87
	N. Manahan,	222.04
	Miss Call,	126.32
	Addie Messer,	82.56
	M. Seamans,	1,231.58
	Obed Morgan,	558.53
	Asa B. Pillsbury,	1,074.88
	J. C. Burpee,	45.52
	Daniel Bickford,	163.41
	A. French,	120.69
	Laura Davis,	371.64
	Augusta Davis,	382.20

Paid E. A. Eastman,	\$55.22
Colby children,	361.00
A. L. Putney,	80.50
Adam Davis,	207.00
Abbie Perley,	48.83
	<hr/> \$15,205.68

Adelbert Messer, amount of notes,	\$786.81
Mary E. Everett, " note,	38.46
E. C. Adams, " "	115.80
Abbie Perley, " "	26.88
Jacob Dole, " "	388.37
Laura Davis, " 2 notes,	360.42
Henry Davis, " note,	279.68
" " 5 notes,	1,231.21
Margaret Burpee, " note,	33.45
" " "	34.45
Newton Manahan, " "	211.00
	<hr/> \$18,712.21

The selectmen of New London credit the town as follows :

April 1, 1874.

By sale of 46 bonds,	\$9,400.00
Sale of \$6,000 N. H. bonds,	6,000.00
Interest received,	118.24
	<hr/> \$15,518.24
Credit by Laura Davis,	\$360.42
Henry Davis,	279.68
Margaret Burpee,	33.45
	<hr/> \$16,191.79
Whole amount charged,	\$18,712.21
" credited,	16,191.79
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Balance against the town,	\$2,520.42
carried to town debt and charges.	

MICAJAH MORGAN,
LEONARD P. GOULD,
GEORGE W. SARGENT,
Selectmen of New London.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and the books well kept.

G. M. KNIGHT,
N. T. GREENWOOD,

Auditors.

The Town Farm is charged for the year 1874 as follows:

Paid Charles Jewett, 4 butter-tubs,	\$2.00
“ use of horse,	.50
“ butchering,	1.00
“ 2 bush. oats,	1.34
“ $\frac{1}{4}$ bush. India wheat,	.25
B. C. Davis, use of horse,	1.55
N. C. Knowlton, butchering,	.20
Balance on acc't of Russell & Co.,	1.00
L. P. Gould, 2 bush. potatoes,	1.60
Newton Sargent, one day's work,	1.25
Messer, for threshing,	5.60
A. B. Currier, for cider-mill,	.25
Amos Hastings,	2.50
Charles Gay, for beef,	2.64
James Todd, 2 bush. potatoes,	2.00
Sanford Fisher, use of plow,	1.00
James M. Pike, pump,	6.00
Newton Manahan, butter-tub,	.50
Jonathan S. George,	.50
Balance on acc't Geo. Woodward,	13.07
George P. Sholes, 3 days' work,	3.75
George P. Sholes, 3 days' work, self and oxen,	6.00
John M. Dow, iron work,	3.47
Isaac Whipple, work haying,	28.12
Hazen Preston, for oxen,	120.00
Taxes on town farm,	29.60
Newton Manahan, agent,	212.50
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	\$448.19

Town Farm is credited for the year 1874 as follows :

Received by Charles Jewett, 1 pig,	\$2.50
N. C. Todd, 2 pigs,	5.00
F. P. Messer, 1 day's work,	1.75
Burpee, for poultry,	21.10
Amos Hastings, for veal,	1.50
Charles Gay, 300 lbs. pork,	27.00
O. K. Russell, balance on account,	17.95
Austin Goings, 2½ lbs. butter,	.67
Joseph C. Herrick, for beef,	10.00
James M. Pike, for beef,	1.00
John Little, 41½ lbs. butter,	14.52
G. P. Sholes, 2 pigs,	5.00
“ pasturing calf,	1.00
“ for beef,	11.25
Henry R. Davis, balance on account,	1.00
John M. Dow, 1 pig,	2.50
“ 16 lbs. veal,	1.60
J. E. H. Shepard, for cattle,	201.87
George P. Sholes, for steer,	16.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, use of sap trees,	4.00
McCutchins, for potatoes, in 1873,	33.00
James Morgan, for hide,	4.90
Jonathan Loverin, for oats, in 1873,	15.75
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	\$400.86

MICAJAH MORGAN,
LEONARD P. GOULD,
GEORGE W. SARGENT,

Selectmen of New London.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM, FEB-
RUARY 23, 1875.

1 pair oxen,	\$140.00
6 cows,	225.00
2 two-year-olds,	40.00
4 yearlings,	40.00
2 shoats,	22.00
11 hens,	5.50
8 tons stable hay,	100.00
3 tons stock hay,	30.00
Straw,	6.00
14 bushels corn,	14.00
Seed corn,	.75
10 bushels barley,	10.00
7 bushels oats,	4.20
1½ bushels wheat,	1.88
1½ bushels India wheat,	1.13
3 bushels beans,	9.00
Pease,	.50
120 bushels potatoes,	42.00
150 lbs. pork,	22.50
75 lbs. ham,	11.25
40 lbs. beef,	4.00
100 lbs. corned beef,	8.00
2 gallons boiled cider,	2.00
½ bbl. cider,	2.00
20 doz. candles,	3.33
1½ bbl. soap,	7.00
25 lbs. butter,	8.75
30 lbs. lard,	5.00
20 lbs. tallow,	1.60
1 bbl. flour,	8.00
Meal,	1.00
20 lbs. dried apples,	2.00
110 lbs. maple sugar,	12.00
40 lbs. cheese,	6.00
1 bushel salt,	.60
1 box salt,	.35

3 bbls. ashes,	\$1.80	
1½ M. shingles,	3.37	
Cart and fixings,	27.00	
2 plows,	8.00	
1 harrow,	2.00	
2 wedges, &c.,	1.00	
2 ox-yokes, and 4 chains,	6.00	
1 sled, and iron bar,	3.00	
2 axes, and 5 augers,	2.00	
1 horse-rake, and hay tools,	3.00	
1 grind-stone, and wood-saw,	3.00	
2 manure-forks, and 2 shovels,	3.00	
1 cook-stove, and furniture,	15.00	
2 sap-pans, 96 buckets,	10.00	
Household furniture,	50.00	
1 clock,	4.00	
2 bits and stocks, 1 monkey-wrench,	1.50	
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		\$971.01

MICAJAH MORGAN,
LEONARD P. GOULD,
GEORGE W. SARGENT,

Selectmen of New London.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee, in presenting his report, would beg leave to say to the citizens of New London that it was with great reluctance he accepted the office, and if he has failed to give the satisfaction of his predecessors, it must be remembered he is without their experience.

The year now closing has not been marked by any important change in our school department. Common schools are much inclined to move in ruts, which in time come to be considered the only lawful highway. New ideas and suggestions are not often received with favor, especially when they involve the money-bags.

Parents, in many cases, are indirectly, if not directly, the cause of the poor schools of which they complain so bitterly. They are principally responsible for the education of children. Excellent teachers will fall far short of full success if parents manifest only indifference to their labors, and especially great will be the waste of power when fault-finding and disrespect towards the instructors and their labors are openly expressed at the fireside.

The most enthusiastic teacher and the most ambitious pupils will lose much of their energy if their labors and ef-

forts excite no interest beyond the school-room. Then, too, a part of the work of education, and that not an unimportant portion, must be done at home if done at all. A child naturally receives and adopts the opinions of his parents and home friends, and lets his mind take the cast of those about him. It is, then, of the greatest importance that parents interest themselves in the schools of their children; that, by occasional visits during the term, they make their sympathy felt; that, by cultivating social relations with the teachers, they create opportunity for consultation and mutual advice, and call into play that regard and confidence which children generally entertain for the friends of their parents; that, by constant inquiry and conversation, they cause the children to feel that their daily studies and progress are matters of permanent interest to their parents; and lastly and chiefly should they take heed, that no word of fault-finding or disrespect of school purposes, school exercises, or school teachers be heard by the pupils in the sacred precincts of home. A word spoken there has and ought to have the force of a thousand spoken elsewhere, and such words spoken in thoughtlessness have often rendered useless the most earnest efforts of teachers, and affected for ill a child's future life. All of the schools in town are very much in need of globes, maps, and charts. They not only need them, but it is absolutely necessary that they should be furnished.

Some of the school-houses are cold and uncomfortable, and others are entirely unfit for school purposes. I would call particular attention to the one in District No. 3. That the people in this district will allow a known nuisance to exist within or beneath their school-room for years without removing it is an injury to their children, a disgrace to themselves, and an abomination to every one connected with it. Although the school-room has no means of ventilation, every one who has crossed its threshold can testify that the privy

is well ventilated, and that, too, *into the school-room*, where thirty children are confined six hours each day for one hundred and thirty days every year. The effect of this I need not explain, for it is obvious to every one.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The inhabitants of this district would do credit to themselves if they would erect a school-house in place of the *thing* which they now use for a substitute.

For further particulars see "Special Report" which follows.

CHARLES W. GAY,

Superintending School Committee of New London.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*West*).

Miss Mattie H. Pilsbury, of New London, had charge of the summer term. The school was very quiet, scholars orderly and studious, but with a lack of enthusiasm in their recitations. The labors of the teacher, in connection with the good conduct and application on the part of the scholars, could not fail of success.

Winter term of ten weeks was taught by Parker T. Smith, of Springfield. The school when first visited was found to be in a very good condition; both teacher and scholars seemed to be interested, and hard at work. Had no notice of its close.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*Burpee Hill*).

Mrs. George Sholes, a teacher of some experience, had charge of the summer term. At my first visit the scholars were very much disposed to be idle. The scarred and barren walls of the school-room seemed to have more interest for them than their books. Was pleased to find this tendency

partially overcome at the close. Examination showed some advancement in most of the studies. Scholars not absent one half day, Minnie A. Davis and Eddie J. Sholes.

Winter term of nine weeks was under the instruction of A. A. Bickford, of Sanbornton. Mr. Bickford is a thorough scholar, able and willing to instruct, but overburdened with patience. The old propensity to idleness, which appeared in the summer term, was here present in its full strength and without disguise. Idleness, as we all know, is the mother of ugliness. A school of this disposition, to be successful, requires a master with a large supply of muscular force. "The law of the cudgel" needs to be fully explained, and judiciously applied. The scholars suffered from this neglect. If Mr. Bickford will bear in mind that "Order is Heaven's first law," there is no reason why he cannot succeed. Scholars not absent one half day, Solon P. Sargent, Eli Messer, Fred. Farwell, Reo E. Farwell, Herbert Parker, Eddie Sholes, and Minnie A. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Four Corners*).

Summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Abbie F. Gay, of New London. Miss Gay is an experienced teacher, and I think gave entire satisfaction. The scholars showed a promptness at examination worthy of commendation. Order good.

The winter term was under the instruction of W. M. Stevens, a graduate of the New London Literary and Scientific Institution. Mr. Stevens has much practical ability, and was very successful in interesting his pupils. We were pleased to notice that he was master as well as teacher. I think the school, as a whole, has made more advancement during the year than any one in town. The whole number of scholars whose names were registered at the commence-

ment of the term was thirty-nine, while the average attendance was but twenty-three. The teacher attributes this falling off on the part of the scholars to sickness, caused, in some instances, at least, by the foul air in the school-room. Scholars not absent one half day, Wilfred E. Burpee, Irving S. Messer, Bertha S. Ross, and Nellie M. Ross.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Lowplain*).

Miss Abby Todd, a teacher of much experience and uniform success, taught the summer term. Miss Todd labored hard for the advancement of her pupils, and if they did not accomplish all that we hoped for, it was not her fault. The examination did not do her justice, but some parts of it were good, and it was evident the school had advanced during the term. Scholars not absent one half day, Allie E. Fowler.

Mr. Charles Fowler, of Sutton, took charge in the winter. Mr. Fowler has been a teacher for many years with good success. His name has long been a terror to evil-disposed scholars; although his vigilance is not quite as keen as in former years, there are but few who would dare to openly disobey him. The classes in reading and spelling made decided progress. That Mr. Fowler has taught several terms in this district before was a sufficient guaranty of his success. Scholars not absent one half day, Fred Fowler.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Seytheville*).

Summer term of six weeks was taught by Miss Mary Crowley. Miss Crowley is young, and without experience; thoroughly booked on those branches required to be taught in common schools. At my first visit, the scholars seemed very orderly and well disposed. Had no notice of the close.

Scholars not absent one half day, George H. French and Joseph C. Walker.

Miss Anna M. Wood, of Lowell, Mass., had charge of the fall term. This was Miss Wood's first attempt at teaching. She enjoyed the affection and confidence of her scholars, and labored hard to make the school a success.

Winter term was managed by Miss L. J. Nichols, of Springfield. Miss Nichols is very successful in presenting knowledge to children so as to make the pursuit of it interesting. She seemed to have entire control of her pupils, and everything appeared pleasant and systematic—scholars thorough and prompt in their answers. Scholars not absent one half day, Nettie M. Whittier and Ella M. Presho.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*North*).

This school during the year has been under the instruction of Miss Sadie J. Nichols of New London. Miss Nichols is a diligent and judicious teacher, and the district was very fortunate in securing her services for the year. The school fully sustained its previous reputation of being second to none in town. The scholars deserve special commendation for their punctuality. During the summer term there was not an instance of tardiness, and but three in winter. Scholars not absent one half day, Cynthia M. Putney, Ella M. Hunting, Hattie E. Gay, Laura A. Messer, and George A. Hunting.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*Pleasant Street*).

The summer term was taught by Miss Mattie Watson of Warner. Miss Watson lacked energy, without which it is impossible for any teacher to be successful. The result was, the scholars partook largely of the teacher's disposition, and made but little progress.

Winter term of thirteen weeks was ably and successfully managed by Mr. E. C. Sargent, of New London, a young man of much promise as a teacher. Though Mr. Sargent is without experience, he has an excellent faculty to govern, instruct, and secure the confidence of his pupils. The teacher justly attributes a part of his success to the interest manifested by the parents, which was shown by their presence in the school-room.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. district.	Summer, fall, and winter terms.	Teachers.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	Whole number of pupils.	Average attendance.	Number in arithmetic.	Number in grammar.	Number in geography.	Number in history.	Instances of tardiness.	Number of visitors.
1	Summer.	Miss M. H. Pillsbury.	10	\$12.00*	13	9	10	5	3	-	-	8
	Winter.	Mr. P. T. Smith,	10	42.00	15	11	15	9	1	-	1	16
2	Summer.	Mrs. G. P. Sholes,	10	20.00	27	13	14	6	1	-	9	21
	Winter.	Mr. A. A. Bickford,	9	36.00	33	30	26	12	2	2	60	32
3	Summer.	Miss A. F. Gay,	14	36.00	37	28	27	13	25	4	69	57
	Winter.	Mr. W. M. Stevens,	12	50.00	28	23	25	15	15	2	138	33
4	Summer.	Miss A. M. Todd,	10	24.00	23	20	14	4	7	-	33	32
	Winter.	Mr. C. A. Fowler,	13	35.33	21	18	16	5	11	2	29	21
5	Summer.	Miss M. M. Crowley,	6	26.00	21	18	13	3	8	2	17	14
	Fall.	Miss A. M. Wood,	8	23.00	26	19	14	2	10	1	44	7
	Winter.	Miss J. Nichols,	9	23.00	13	10	10	3	4	-	12	37
6	Summer.	Miss S. J. Nichols,	10	22.00	14	12	11	3	8	-	-	12
	Winter.	Miss S. J. Nichols,	11	23.00	15	11	11	2	5	-	3	9
7	Summer.	Miss M. Watson,	10	10.00*	10	8	8	-	8	-	6	16
	Winter.	Mr. E. C. Sargent,	13	28.00	16	12	14	4	8	-	25	62

* And board.

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